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Trump fires former MSU economist from Fed board

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President Donald Trump posted a letter on social media on Aug. 25 saying he was immediately firing former Michigan State University economist Lisa Cook from the Federal Reserve Board of Governors, accusing her of “deceitful and potentially criminal conduct” in obtaining mortgages for her personal property.

It was not immediately clear whether Trump’s firing of Cook, the first Black woman to serve on the Fed’s board ever, was allowed under federal law, which only permits such a dismissal in cases where there is evidence of “inefficiency, neglect of duty or malfeasance in office.”

The conduct Trump and other Republican members of his administration – chiefly Federal Housing Financial Agency head Bill Pulte – have accused Cook of took place before she joined the Board of Governors in 2022.

Cook issued a statement saying she had no intention of leaving. She told the Washington website Politico and other media outlets that Trump “has no authority” to fire her and should would “continue to carry out my duties to help the American economy as I have been doing since 2022.”

Her lawyer, Abbe Lowell, also said, “President Trump has taken to social media to once again ‘fire by tweet’ and once again his reflex to bully is flawed and his demands lack any proper process, basis or legal authority. We will take whatever actions are needed to prevent his attempted illegal action.” The Federal Reserve did not issue any statement.

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Have a game plan to navigate construction

Spartan fans will soon be packing the stadium

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EAST LANSING — The college football season in East Lansing kicks off Friday, meaning tens of thousands of Spartan fans will be headed to Spartan Stadium.

Streets will be packed as students, alums and fans bombard the campus to watch the Spartans take on Western Michigan University’s Broncos at 7 p.m.

The Spartans, by the way, are predicted to win, but that’s the good news. The bad? A couple of major construction projects mean fans should have a game plan for getting onto and off campus on Friday.

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Dressed as priests, Cameron Allen, left , and dad Rick of Adrian get autographs Aug. 21 during the Meet the Spartans event at Spartan Stadium in East Lansing. AT TOP: Ongoing construction near the U.S. 127 and Interstate 496 interchange Aug. 25.

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Suit: Downtown Lansing Inc. failed to fulfill promise of grant

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LANSING — A local couple who argue an official with Downtown Lansing Inc. convinced them to relocate their plant shop from an East Kalamazoo Street storefront to downtown Lansing by

promising a \$25,000 incentive grant they never received, is suing the agency. Faun Donald and Luke Trusnovec, owners of Neva Lee’s, filed the lawsuit on Friday in Ingham County Circuit Court. Downtown Lansing Inc., Julie Reinhardt, the agency’s former community development director, and Cathleen Edgerly, the agency’s executive director,

are named as defendants. In an email on Monday morning, Edgerly declined to comment because “it is our policy to not comment on legal matters.” Messages left with Reinhardt on Saturday and Monday morning were not immediately returned. Donald and Trusnovec said their

business was thriving in its original location. They would never have leased a space on North Washington Avenue if Reinhardt hadn’t persistently recruited them and promised a \$25,000 incentive to help cover the relocation costs, they said.

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